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Dear Mom & Dad,

Your letter came today. Monday was a holiday and I stayed home yesterday because of a cold. I feel fine now. Tomorrow another fellow and I are going up to Sperry - Band on Long Island and then to the Navy Base at Newport, R.I. on Friday. The Puerto Rico trip is now planned for Mar 12.

Mary called the other night and it was nice to hear from her. I hope they can come back for a visit after the session. I call Gail about every two weeks and find that she is moving to an apartment and filing for a divorce.

Vickie has ~~not~~ substituted several times recently and hopes for a permanent job in the fall.

She earns \$20./day and when she saves up her plane fare then she can come along on another trip to California. We are building up the regular travel fund for a Europe trip.

I haven't heard anything about our land investment. When something happens I will let you know; personally, the longer they wait to sell the better. Now if you and Stella both own the cabin, then neither can sell on their own. I think it would be foolish for you to part with the cabin. Even if it were not such a good investment, the pleasure you get from it shouldn't be jeopardized. Even the closest relative may some day decide not to "permit" you to use it.

We played bridge last Friday with a group of people here in Fredericksburg. I don't much care for switching partners because Vickie and I have learned to get together and can beat anyone we have played. In any case, Vickie had the high score for the evening and won \$2.50. As soon as we learn a little more about duplicate we will start playing up in Washington.

Had, I have ordered the HP-80 which is their "accounting" pocket calculator. It has a number of useful features both for scientific work and for keeping track of budgets. I am looking forward to your next move -

Jim